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The Malchika Textile Factory at Sofia

1. The Malchika Textile Factory (formerly the Elbaka Factory) is located in the southwest outskirts of Sofia, in the Pavlovo Quarter on the road to Knyazhevo. The factory, in existence in 1935, was enlarged and equipped with additional machinery brought in from small textile factories throughout the country in 1947. At present it is one of the most important of the 50 (approximately) textile factories still in existence in Bulgaria.
2. The factory is subordinate to the Ministry of Light Industry. It employs approximately 500 workers in three 8-hour shifts per day. Production consists of cloth of natural and artificial silk in widths of 70 or 90 centimeters, silk for umbrellas, and ribbons for sewing machines (sic). The textile articles are sent to other factories (unidentified) for dyeing.
3. [redacted] each shift produces 1,000 meters of cloth, which amounts to about 3,000 meters for a 24-hour period. [redacted] most of them are exported.
4. Raw materials used by the factory are mostly imported from China [redacted]

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Miscellaneous Factories

5. A DIP (Dŭrzhavno Industrialno Predpriatie; State Industrial Enterprise) at Pazardzhik produces various types of rubber footwear, [redacted]

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6. A factory producing chemical fertilizers, of new construction, located in Khaskovo, began production in 1952.

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Public Health

7. Notable progress has been made in the field of public health. Up to 1951, hospitals and other medical stations customarily, upon orders from the health authorities, fixed in advance the convalescent period each patient was to receive. No matter what the condition of the patient, at the end of this period he was dismissed and sent back to work. Relapses were frequent, making it necessary for many patients to return for much longer periods of convalescent.
8. After 1951, the competent authorities, realizing the absurdity of this procedure, insisted that the patients be allowed to recover before being sent back to work, but still continued to adhere to the principle of returning them to their jobs as soon as practicable. Moreover, they adopted a system of giving periodical examinations to as many citizens as possible with the aim of preventing the spread of diseases of a social nature.
9. [redacted] cancer is the disease which at present most alarms the health authorities throughout the country because of its rapidly increasing rate.
10. Tuberculosis, on the other hand, which strikes all social strata, is being combatted efficaciously by means of modern therapeutic equipment.

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